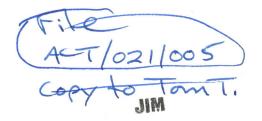


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September 3, 1982

Mr. James W. Smith, Jr.
Coordinator of Mined Land Development
Division of Oil, Gas & Mining
Department of Natural Resources & Energy
State of Utah
4241 State Office Building
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

Dear Mr. Smith:

In answer to your request for CF&I's official written notification of indefinite suspension of operations at the Comstock Pit, a copy of the letter sent from Mr. J. W. Gagliano to Mr. R. W. Daniels on March 9, 1981 is attached.

This letter confirmed the understanding reached at the meeting held on March 5, 1981 with Mr. Daniels and Ms. Wright at Mr. Daniel's office. Please feel free to contact me or Jim Hale if you have any questions or need more information. My telephone number is (303) 561-6623 and Jim's is 561-7281 in Pueblo.

Yours very truly,

R. W. MacCannon

General Superintendent of Iron Ore Operations

RWM/as Attachment

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JOSEPH W. GAGLIANO
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March 9, 1981

Mr. Ronald W. Daniels
Coordinator of Mined Land Development
Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining
Department of Natural Resources
1588 West North Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

Dear Mr. Daniels: i.

This is to confirm in writing the verbal notification given to you and Mary Ann Wright by R. W. MacCannon on March 5, 1981, concerning the indefinite suspension of operations of CF&I Steel Corporation's Comstock Mine because of economic conditions. CF&I will, however, continue its annual assessment work which is required yearly on ten unpatented mining claims in the area.

It is the understanding of CF&I Steel Corporation that this notification fulfills the requirement of Rule M-7(1) concerning temporary suspensions of mining operations of less than two years. At the present time, it is not known as to what period of time operations will be suspended and as discussed, the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining after its review is to inform CF&I Steel Corporation as to what data and possible action would be required if the suspension of operations were to exceed two years. As a part of the review, if you wish, a representative of CF&I Steel Corporation will attend a meeting of the Board of Oil, Gas, and Mining to answer any questions which would aid the Board in its deliberations on this matter.

CF&I Steel Corporation appreciates your understanding of the circumstances concerning the uncertainty as to the time of any future operations taking place at the Comstock operations and will keep you informed as to any changes in status of the operation.

Yours very truly,

J. W. Gagliano

JWG/as